

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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March 19, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, OASD
ATTENTION: MR. PETER A. ERICKSON

SUBJECT: Reply to Letter from Mr. [REDACTED]

Following is suggested draft of reply to [REDACTED]
concerning two objects he and [REDACTED] observed over
St. Clair County, Alabama:

"Dear [REDACTED]:

This is in reply to your letter of recent date
in which you reported seeing two unusual objects in the
sky over St. Clair County last spring.

Thank you for reporting this observation to
the U.S. Government. What you saw was probably the
re-entry of two test vehicles, sent aloft by one of our
bases to test the metal on a missile or for some other
purpose which made it necessary to recover the capsule,
and therefore parachutes were used to slow the vehicle
down so it would not be damaged on landing.

Since no base in the area reported it as an
Unidentified Flying Object, it would appear that they
were aware of the test.

We are inclosing, for your information, a
Fact Sheet which has recently been compiled by the Air
Force on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects and
Unusual Aerial Phenomena. It is believed that this Fact
Sheet will be of interest to you and will help to explain
the Air Force program for the investigation and evaluation
of reports of this nature.

Sincerely,"

MASTON M. JACKS
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Public Information Division
Office of Information

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25/ D.C. 20301
March 18, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION, USAF

SUBJECT: Referral of Correspondence

Attention is invited to the enclosed letter from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of Trussville, Alabama, to Secretary of Defense
McNamara relative to unidentified flying objects. Cooperation
in taking such action as you deem appropriate will be appreciated.


Peter A. Erickson


Directorate for Information Services

Enclosure

January 6th, 1964

Dear Sir;

I have hesitated to write to you concerning this matter. But I have begun to believe that it could be something my country does not know of and should know about ~~xxxx~~ if it was not something that belonged to us. Please; First let me explain, I do not go around seeing booger-bears.

Last (early part) of Spring, my wife and I were in our back yard. The sky was a beautiful blue. We were looking up and discussing how beautiful it was. Has we not been looking up at the exact minute, we would not have noticed it, but we possitively saw the re-entry of two (2) rocket planes or space ships. When they first reentered, what made us notice, was the parachute (small) looking white that formed at first, which would make you think of a parachute, and then in about (it seemed - 10 seconds - a bright orange looking object, traveling at tremendous speed only (a speck) was coming down and about the same time we saw the bright orange object, then another parachute looking (small) white appeared like a mushrooming cloud another bright orange object did the same close to the other. Then, by this time, the first object had began to lose its bright orange color and had turned almost an L turn and was tapering off at a tremendous speed. I would say the turn was about like this  I have hesitated to say this or mention it. But my wife and I have decided we saw a valuable military secret we have or we saw something our nation should know about when could be something else that our nation should know about. This was not a cloud or an illusion. We saw what we saw. There was not a cloud in the sky. -- A beautiful day and no doubt an event that everyone was not suppose to see. I hope I am not interrupting your busy schedule and no doubt you've had one more so recently than before our Great President passed. I said before, I supported you and I reaffirm my stand. Mr. Kennedy was like what I always wanted to be like. -- I pray that Almighty God will give you men that are left, the strength and wisdom always, in leading our nation in the way thats best for it. I have been criticized and stepped on many times here for my outspoken ways in speaking for John F., when he were alive. As far as I am concerned, he is not dead. And as Kennedy said -- ask not what your country can do for you -- ask what you can do for your country. I shall always remember these words and I shall live by them. For any man who truly loves his country may be called at any time to give his life. I am ready. Have been and always will.

I say;

Love and understanding is something that can be shared by everyone throughout the world, without a loss to anyone, but, yet, again to all mankind.

Sincerely -- (Jim)

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- Box ~~XXXXXX~~
Toussville, Alabama

P.S. I don't know how I added so much more, but I thought of you being close to Mr. Kennedy. -- I have been a poor boy in my life (materially) but oh, how I've been blessed so many other ways especially with a large beautiful family, and especially being one of the lucky one's to have been born under the stars and stripes of Old Glory. (Please excuse pencil)

P.S. How about a small snapshot?

Upon request, from you, if you wish, I will send you a diagram of just what we saw and how it happened. They were not shaped like fighter planes or the sort, but more like a rocket type ship.

This happened over "St. Clair County" Alabama. Which is about 35 miles from Huntsville Space Center. That is the direction they went, when they re-entered.

I definitely do not doubt what we saw! We have not discussed it to others. Only between ourselves. And when we saw it, we immediately knew what we saw, was to-re-entries of some sort of rocket planes or rockets.

Enclosed; you will find some pictures of a project at a school where I was co-ordinator. I received a picture (11 x 14) from Ralph Dungan of the President to present to this school. Many people hated my gutts for this. Wasn't that pathetic?"

The Captain Mesch who volunteered from the 4th U.S. Army to deliver this flag and Sgt. F.R. Huddleston (Patriotic Instructor of the V.F.W. I would like very much to send a document (affidavit) concerning these two men and also Mr. J.W. (Jim) Words who donated men and (3) trucks to install flag pole and set up. I won't no recognition - I owe it to America. but will you please tell me where and who I can contact to have these men cited (for their efforts) for a very worthwhile project?

Please return pictures. - Then I'll send an affidavit and the exact names and addresses and the story in detail.